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✓ "THE BLUE FOX" ✓

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Synopsis of Episode One - - - - -

"THE MESSAGE OF HATE" ✓

Far in the heart of Alaska, there is a happy little family, Jim Calvin, his Indian wife, Neeka, and their little daughter, Ann. One day Jim Calvin finds a blue fox in his trap and discovers a note held tightly in its jaws. This note reads: "The white man is no longer welcome in the Indian's land. He must leave the country within a week -- or be killed." Calvin laughs at the warning. From the bushes Blue Fox, an Indian chief, sees Calvin's scorning of the note and trails him, shooting him down within a few hundred yards of his own door. The faithful dog brings Neeka to her husband's side and she helps him back to the house. But meanwhile, Blue Fox and his men kidnap little Ann and carry her away to their camp. When Neeka and Calvin reach their cabin, Neeka finds the tail of Blue Fox's fur cap and knows who has carried off their daughter. His leg having been broken by the bullet of Blue Fox, Calvin is unable to go in pursuit of Ann.

The following day, Blue Fox leads a band of his men to Calvin's cabin. Neeka hides Calvin in the cellar under the house and tries to defend the cabin against the Indians. But they overpower her and carry her away, after setting fire to the cabin. Calvin is unable to escape from the cellar, so he scrawls a note on a piece of fur skin, begging the finder of his body to find his wife and daughter and see that they are taken to his parents in California. Meanwhile, Neeka, who has been carried to the camp of the Charkas by Blue Fox, is taken ill.

Two forest rangers find Calvin's body and the note and after a long trail, they come upon the camp of Blue Fox. They arrest Blue Fox for the murder of Calvin and as Neeka is at the point of death, they carry out her wish and Calvin's by promising that Ann shall be taken to her grandmother's. An Indian leaves with little Ann and Neeka dies.

Eighteen years later, we again meet Ann, now a young lady, who has been raised by her grandmother. It is the night of a party which Ann is giving for some of her classmates and among the guests is John Densmore. Though the Calvins do not know it, John is the son of Blue Fox. Another admirer of Ann's is present -- Robert Winslow, whom Mrs. Calvin has just made foreman of her large ranch. Hawk Baxter, who has been a close friend of Ann's grandfather, John Calvin, is also present and it is seen that Baxter and John are very good friends. During the party, John expresses a desire to see the many trophies which the Calvins have collected. Ann takes him into the den, where the trophies are hung about the walls. John catches sight of a blue fox skin, which bears peculiar markings. Before Ann can stop him, he snatches the fox skin from the wall and turns it over, revealing the back which is covered with Indian hieroglyphics. John tries to decipher these hurriedly but Robert Winslow has seen John's strange actions from the doorway and he enters the room, demanding that John restore the skin to Ann.

John refuses and during the fight which follows, the skin is torn in half. John escapes with one half the skin while Ann gets the other and hides it. That night, when all the Calvin household is asleep, John returns with two Indians. He climbs into Ann's room and starts searching for the other half of the skin. Ann awakens and John jumps to the side of her bed, draws a long knife and demands the other half of the fox skin. Ann refuses to tell him where she has hidden it and John raises his knife, threatening to stab her.

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